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## Curriculum Vitae

Gene Timothy Shev was born on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1985 in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Upon graduating from The Southport School, Gold Coast, Australia (1998-2002), he began his undergraduate studies at the School of Audio Engineering (2003-2006), completing a Bachelor in Digital Media and majoring in Audio Production. After working as an audio engineer for several years he decided to recommence his studies and follow a different trajectory. Inspired by his love for ancient history and world cultures, in 2010 he began a Bachelor of Archaeology at La Trobe University, Melbourne Australia (2010-2013), completing his degree with Honours and as the dux among his graduating fellows. At La Trobe, his interest in zooarchaeology grew, and he completed a thesis describing the spread of the domesticated horse into southwest Asia. After completing his BA studies, he worked as a research assistant and tutor under Dr Phillip Edwards at La Trobe University. Additionally, he participated in excavations at the Natufian era site of Wadi Hammeh 27 in the Kingdom of Jordan as part of the Ice Age Villagers of the Levant project (Australian Research Council grant no. DP140101049). During this period, he also undertook work as a freelance archaeologist for several archaeological projects investigating Aboriginal heritage and is an officially registered cultural heritage advisor under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* (Vic). Between 2015-2016 he was employed as a project archaeologist for the Melbourne firm Andrew Long & Associates, conducting archaeological research and authoring cultural heritage management plans for Aboriginal heritage sites.

In 2016 he decided to continue his academic training and move to the Netherlands to undertake a RMA at the Leiden University Faculty of Archaeology (2016-2018) as a Leiden Excellence Scholarship (LExS) recipient. During his RMA research he was trained in isotopic analyses and conducted zooarchaeological research and fieldwork in the Dominican Republic as part of the NEXUS-1492 project (ERC grant no. 319219). His RMA thesis focused on assessing the diets and morphology of dogs recovered from the sites of El Flaco and El Carril.. Prior to the completion of his RMA he was awarded the NWO PhD in the Humanities grant, facilitating his stay in the Netherlands to commence a four-year PhD (2018-2022) at Leiden University. Since September 2022 he has been employed as a postdoctoral researcher as part of the Carib'TRAILS project at the Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde (KITLV). His research interests include assessing animal management practices, animal domestication, animal symbolism, Caribbean archaeology, island and coastal archaeology, and human and animal responses to climate and environmental change. For the past six years he has used his training in zooarchaeological methods and isotopic analysis to examine animal remains from Indigenous archaeological sites in the Greater Antilles. His research while at Leiden University has resulted in four conference presentations, including the organization of one as part of the ARCHON research group, two theses, and five peer-reviewed research articles that are published in high impact academic journals.